

The Gant County Fiscal Court met in Special Session on Monday, May 07, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. at the Grant County Courthouse in Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, with Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, Present; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, Present; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, Present, and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, Present and Presiding.

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Magistrate Austin opened in prayer and then led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present were: Clark Kinman-Cable TV, James Perkins, Alexandra Young, Courtney Young, and Charlie Phillips. He then updated on the Additions/Deletions to the Agenda. He said that the County Road Aid Agreement for 2007-2008 fiscal year has not come in yet and that it would be deleted tonight and put on the Agenda when we receive it.

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Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Brian Linder it is hereby ordered to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2007, meeting as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Claims in the General Expense Fund, Road Fund, Jail Fund and Forestry Fund, for the month of May, 2007, along with the transfers needed to pay said claims. He then asked if there were any questions.

Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve Claims No. 01-1274 thru 01-1358 in the amount of \$182,435.00 paid out of the General Expense Fund; Claims No. 02-353 thru 02-382 in the amount of \$33,554.97 paid out of the Road Fund; Claims No. 03-470 thru 03-480 in the amount of \$56,472.22 paid out of the Jail Fund; and Claim No. 12-000001 in the amount of \$1,350.00 paid out of the

Forestry Fund, for the month of May 2007, along with the transfers presented to pay said claims.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell L. Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the Road Supervisor's Report for April. It is as follows: No action is required. He gave a report on the rain last Wednesday and said that the bridge on Lincoln Ridge Road was washed out and the road department worked late into the evening getting it fixed. He also stated they have worked on the bridge on Arnold's Creek Road. He also presented the Building Inspector's Report for April. It is as follows: No action is required. He also presented the Canine Control Officer's Report for April. It is as follows: No action is required.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Fire Protection Contracts for 2006-2007 fiscal year with the Corinth Volunteer Fire Department, the Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department and the Jonesville Fire Department. They are as follows: He stated that the Court had already approved the contracts with Williamstown Volunteer Fire Department and Dry Ridge Volunteer Fire Department.

Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to approve the fire protection contracts for 2006-2007 fiscal year with the Corinth Volunteer Fire Department, the Crittenden Volunteer Fire Department and the Jonesville Volunteer Fire Department as presented, and to authorize the Judge/Executive to sign same on behalf of the Fiscal Court.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the Report on the Public Hearing held on April 30, 2007, pertaining to the Proposed Use of County Road Aid and L.G.E.A. Funds for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. It is as follows. No action is required.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the Report on the Proposed Use of County Road Aid and L.G.E.A. Funds for 2007-2008 fiscal year as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for review and approval the Annual Standing Order to Preapprove Certain Recurring Expenses for 2007-2008 Fiscal Year. It is as follows: He explained that this is required in order to meet payrolls and to pay utilities as they become due without further action of Fiscal Court.

Motion of Bobby Young and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to approve the Annual Standing Order to Preapprove Certain Recurring Expenses for 2007-2008 Fiscal Year as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for a first reading Ordinance No. 03-2007-603 relating to the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing second reading to be on June 04, 2007, at 7:00 PM, or as soon thereafter as

possible, if approved. They are as follows: He expressed his appreciation to all of the department heads who for the most part were able to get their budget requests in on time and said all of those requests were considered and taken into account. Certainly, he is also very appreciative of the efforts of the Magistrates as they were here last Monday evening for what seemed to be all night, but were here for six or seven hours and went thru the budget line item by line item. It was certainly very beneficial and as a result of their having gone thru that budget, they have certainly recommended cuts which he believes are in the best interest of the taxpayers, but still gives us the opportunity to provide good services to the taxpayers that are in line with our Mission Statement and also our Goals and Objectives that we have laid out thru the year, so he does appreciate some of the very difficult decisions that these gentlemen were faced with and again, he thinks they brought some fiscal responsibility to the budget on behalf of the taxpayers and he knows that they will appreciate it too. He asked the Court if they had any remaining questions that needed to be addressed and said he would do so. He also said that the Magistrates were very civil with each other and were also civil with him and largely they were able to arrive at the same conclusion independently of each other, but also reached a consensus across the board. Magistrate Linder had no questions, just a comment. He said that taking this budget back and going thru it, you see a lot of positives and negatives. You see why things are there, but yet you know you have to make cuts and you have to cut something you know and it is there for a reason. What a lot of the department heads said made a lot of sense, but he found it was ironic and he found it at least comforting when he submitted to the Judge his cuts, and then the Judge submitted them back to him, those of Bobby's and Dick's, were similar in nature to his,

so they were all on the same page. Magistrate Bobby Young said a lot of things in the budget are mandated and you have to leave those specific numbers in there and stated that he feels this is a very good budget to live by. Brian said he tried to go thru and identify fixed costs, those we couldn't do anything about, and then go and make cuts from there. He said that it is tough to go thru and cut. Judge Link said it is not an easy process to have to say "No" and look people in the eye and say "No" knowing that there are some things they would like to accomplish if we would just give them free reign, and he is sure those accomplishments would serve the public very well in this fiscal year, but he said we also have the responsibility, duty and obligation to be accountable to the taxpayers to ensure whatever we do today can come under scrutiny again the next year and the following year without having to go back to them and ask for more funds because we spent so much money in one given year. So looking over the term of 4 years and maybe even longer than that, certainly again, will serve the taxpayers very well. He knows it wasn't easy, and he appreciates not only the evening they spent here, but he is sure, the next several evenings that they spent independently going over it with that red pen. He said we still are not real certain on what the Sheriff's Office is doing and they may very well bring back changes as they continue to negotiate with the City of Dry Ridge and the City of Crittenden, and if they do we will try to honor those before the second reading. He said that he would get those changes to the Court so they can see the bottom line. He then asked for action on the first reading of Ordinance No. 03-2007-603 relating to the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 03-2007-603 relating to the Annual Budget for Fiscal

Year 2007-2008, along with the Notice to run in the local paper as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented for a first reading Ordinance No. 04-2007-604 relating to the Establishment of a 25 MPH Speed Limit on Bennett Road, along with the Notice to run in the local paper showing second reading to be on Monday, May 21, 2007, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible, if approved. They are as follows:

Motion of Richard Austin and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 04-2007-604 relating to the Establishment of a 25 MPH Speed Limit on Bennett Road, along with the Notice to run in the local paper as presented.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link stated that it is time to advertise for Sealed Bids for providing various Materials and Supplies needed for the upcoming 2007-2008 fiscal year and requested a Motion authorizing him to advertise for the following items: Stone, Hauling Stone, Liquid Asphalt, Gasoline and Diesel Fuel #2 for Grant County Road Department, Hot Mix Base and Surface, and Salt for Snow Removal.

Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Bobby Young it is hereby ordered to authorize the Judge/Executive to advertise for Sealed Bids for providing the following Materials and Supplies for fiscal year 2007-2008, with said bids to be opened on Monday, June 04, 2007, at 7:00 PM or as soon thereafter as possible, i.e. Stone, Hauling Stone, Liquid

Asphalt, Gasoline and Diesel Fuel #2 for Grant County Road Department, Hot Mix Base and Surface, and Salt for Snow Removal.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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Judge Link presented the County Treasurer's Quarterly Financial Report for January thru March 2007. It is for the Court to take home and review. No action is required.

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Judge Link announced that Open discussion for the "Good of the County" would be at this time and said that anyone who wanted to address the Court could do so. No one did. He asked the Court if they had any comments or questions. Magistrate Bobby Young said that it was a nice day on Derby Day. Judge Link agreed and thanked the Court for supporting these events. He said that there was over 250 runners who participated in the 5-K Walk run event and he introduced two of them who were present tonight, Miss Alexandra Young and Miss Courtney Young, daughters of Magistrate Bobby Young.

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Judge Link reminded the Fiscal Court that the next Caucus meeting will be at 5:30 P.M. on Monday, May 14, 2007, and that the next meeting of the Fiscal Court will be on Monday, May 21, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

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Motion of Brian Linder and seconded by Richard Austin it is hereby ordered to Adjourn until Monday, May 21, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.

The following votes were taken: Richard Austin, Magistrate 1st District, votes Yes; Brian Linder, Magistrate 2nd District, votes Yes; Bobby Young, Magistrate 3rd District, votes Yes; and Hon. Darrell Link, County Judge/Executive, votes Yes.

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